

House Resolution No. 4219

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations which have proven down through the years to be exceptionally effective at improving the lives of countless Missourians; and

Whereas, Life Skills Foundation of Saint Louis has attained considerable distinction since its founding in 1964 by a group of parents who were concerned for the future of their children with disabilities; and

Whereas, named by The Ladue News as one of the top three Human Services Charities in the Saint Louis metropolitan area in 2004, Life Skills Foundation also observes this year the Fortieth Anniversary of its founding as an advocate, educator, friend, resource, and support to the Saint Louis disability community; and

Whereas, Life Skills Foundation has been involved throughout its history in such numerous service venues as Camp Sunshine at Christ the King Church in University City, a community living program which helps people with disabilities to live independently in their own homes or apartments, socialization training which helps the disabled master new social and communication skills and to navigate public transportation systems, Summer Adventures Club for teens with or without disabilities, and an employment services program which was touted by the University of Indiana as a national model; and

Whereas, Life Skills Foundation was recognized by Vocational Rehabilitation as the Saint Louis source for supported employment services for people with more significant disabilities; and

Whereas, Life Skills Foundation has helped thousands of people with disabilities in Saint Louis City, Saint Louis County, Saint Charles County, and Franklin County to become less dependent on taxpayer supported programs; and

Whereas, services provided by Life Skills Foundation are driven by the needs, dreams, and aspirations of each person with a disability associated with the organization:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive, and ongoing history of Life Skills Foundation and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they observe the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of their esteemed organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Life Skills Foundation of the Saint Louis metropolitan area.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4219, adopted October 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker